

LONDON PLAYS AND PLAYERS

Princess Beatrice to Sing a Part In
Tolsti's Onegretta.

TERRY IN THE ROLE OF WAITER

Dr. Hubert Parry's Oratorio, "King Saul," to Be Sung for the First Time at the Birmingham Festival—Countess Russell Leaves the Stage Reconciled to Her Husband.

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 London, Sept. 16.—The past week in theatrical circles has shown obvious signs of the long-delayed reaction to play-going and play producing. Sir Augustus Harris has altered and improved *Drury Lane* inside and out.

tirely, and has staged his new play, "The Derby Winner," an exciting sporting drama in the popular manager's very best style. The scenery and stage setting are really magnificent. The big scenes are the grand ball, Torsorselli's, and the Derby. "The Derby Winner" is in four acts, and has thirty-seven principal characters in the cast.

Signor Tolstai's operetta, which he has written especially for the education of the masses, has been put in rehearsal at Ballo's orchestra, under the direction of the amateur stage manager, the Hon. Alec Yorkie. Princess Beatrice is to try one of the principal

roles and some of the Battenberg children will appear among the "supes." The libretto by Mrs. Harvey, deals with an imaginary romantic adventure in the life of Marie Antoinette, and the music Signor Tolsti has written is rather reminiscent of his songs though it includes several new drawing-room melodies. The ensemble music is spirited and delicate.

TERREY AS ROBERT HONDEDEW.
"The Blue Bear," the new farcical comedy by Messrs. Louis N. Parker and Thornton Clark (Murray Carson), which will be seen at

Terry's later in the year, when Mr. Terry returns to the London boards, is said to be very diverting. The sense of the play is an old-fashioned, country air, the Blue Boat, in which her parlor attendant, an æsthetic poet, an eccentric old gentleman, who has been divorced by his name and a mysterious traveler who disguises himself as a waiter, partly to find that rest which globe-trotting, hard news afford, and partly to escape from his wife. This disguised waiter, Robert Honeydew, is Mr. Terry's role. Honeydew is Mr. Terry's hands in a waiter whose service is one constant delight.

For downright suggestion one must go to Paris, where the talk of the town is "Le Revue Deshabille" at the Cafe Des Ambassadeurs, a "skit" on which many London entertainment caterers have cast longing eyes. The scene represents a lady's bedroom, and the fair occupant, when the curtain rises, is still in bed. After her maid has brought the chocolate, she rises, appearing in a short pair of blue silk chemise, cut open at the skirt, and a pair of black silk stockings.

A second attempt to dress is interrupted by a visitor, who obtains admission by sending a check as a visiting card. The amount being insufficient, he raises the limit with a second check, and finally places his whole fortune at the lady's disposal. With a touch of pride, after this recklessness, he insists himself as master of the house.

The Americans in Paris are frequenting the show and because of not understanding French, probably do not find it naught; or out of keeping with French life as picture by the French themselves.

The Royal Choral Society have arranged their 1894-'95 season at the Albert Hall. The society will produce the "Messiah," Elijah, "Israel in Egypt," "Redemption," Berlioz's "Benvenuto Cellini," and other works.

Countess Russell, after the circulation of a number of rumors that she was going back to her husband, has finally left the stage for good.

good. It is said, and has become reconciled to her husband. The countess will be remembered as the lady, nee Scott, who, in 1841, applied for a divorce from her husband, Earl Russell, on a number of grounds, including ill treatment of an outrageous nature and infidelity.

IT WAS A GREAT SCANDAL.

The affair was one of the society scandals of the day, and the revelations in court shocked nearly all who read them. In April of 1847

present year Countess Russell brought suit against her husband and for the restoration of her conjugal rights, but the earl refused the petition and declared his intention of defending the suit. Counsel for the earl contended that as the countess in the divorce court where she was non-suited had had to pay the costs amounting to £25,000, had falsely charged him with cruelty and offenses against decency, it would be impossible for them to live together.

cation should be dismissed without a hearing. The judge, however, decided that the action must proceed, as he could not give judgment without knowing the facts. But when the case was upon the point of being tried the earl and countess were brought together by mutual friends, and it was understood that a reconciliation was in prospect. This, it now appears, turns out to be correct, and Earl Russell and his countess are once more living on friendly terms.

TEMPORARY RELIEF NEEDED.
Condition of the Wisconsin Fire Sufferers
Less Distressing Than Supposed.

WEST SUPERIOR, WIS., Sept. 16.—Major Mahoney, who was sent out by Gov. Pack to investigate the losses by fire in the burned district in this State, is resting on his labor at a West Superior hotel, having completed his task. He will return via Phillips to ne

The major says he found the situation less distressing than he expected, and that that is needed now is stores for refugees from Earouette and Cumberland. From his view there is little needed beyond temporary relief as most heads of families have steady employment to engage them through the winter.

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Fell Into the River and Drowned.
Joseph Raymond Wells, aged six years, son of Thomas Wells of No. 212 Elmwood street,

The unfortunate little fellow, in company with his brother Clinton, who is two years older, was playing on the wharf, when Joseph ventured too near the edge and fell in. Clinton ran home with Joseph's hat, which the latter had accidentally dropped on the wharf and told his parents that he was afraid some thing bad happened to his brother. The thought of the hat convinced them that their child was

rowned, and the services of Edward Thomas, an expert diver, living next door to the home of the Wells, were secured to recover the body. After diving for about an hour Mr. Thomas found the body in about twelve feet of water and brought it to the surface. Deputy Coroner Glazebrook viewed the remains and decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The remains were prepared for burial by Dr. W. Lee.